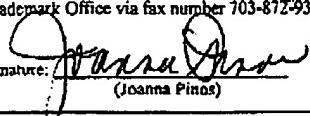


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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005 (Paper No. 6). The shortened statutory period for response is two months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 12, 2005. This response is being filed together with a one month extension bringing the deadline to April 12, 2005. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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